

## **Murray Code Enforcement Board Minutes December 4, 2007**

The Murray Code Enforcement Board met in regular session on December 4, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. in the council chambers of City Hall located at 104 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street.

**Board Members Present:** Matt Jennings, Mitzi Key, Thomas Rottinghuas and Sam Underwood

**Board Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** David Roberts, Dannetta Cossey, Fire Marshal Dickie Walls, and Nancy Williams

Chairman Thomas Rottinghaus called the meeting to order and had an attendance roll call.

**Approve Minutes from November 6, 2007 Meeting:** Chairman Rottinghaus asked for approval of the November 6, 2007 minutes. **Mitzi Key made a motion to approve the November 6, 2007 minutes. Sam Underwood seconded the motion and it carried by a 4-0 voice vote.**

**Public Hearing – Charles Williams:** Chairman Rottinghaus called the public hearing to order and Dannetta Cossey read the case information. Chairman Rottinghaus asked if any board member had any direct or indirect financial or personal interest in any matter to be decided by the Board. All Board members said no. At this time, Fire Marshal Dickie Walls came forward and was sworn in. Dickie Walls stated on November 8, 2007 that he inspected the house at 522 Shady Lane due to a complaint which was received and upon inspection, he found that repairs were started. Mr. Walls said he issued a notice of violation with the description of the violation being repairs to roof must be completed and flashing installed to prevent rain from getting inside and sent it via certified mail which was signed for by Mr. Charles Williams on November 9, 2007. At this time, Dickie Walls submitted photographs as evidence. Mr. Walls stated that Mr. Williams came into his office and explained that the repairs needed went beyond shingles, that water leaks had caused structural damage and he needed more than thirty day to come into compliance due to financial difficulties and health issues. Mr. Walls said he told Mr. Williams the best approach would be to appeal to the Board to ask for more time. Mr. Underwood asked if anyone was living in the house. Mr. Walls answered no. Mr. Jennings asked if the house sits through the winter would that make it structurally unsound. Mr. Walls stated he did not know if it was currently leaking and he believed the roof had a tarp over it. Chairman Rottinghaus called the respondent forward. Nancy Williams came forward and stated she was the wife of Charles Williams. Chairman Rottinghaus swore her in. Mrs. Williams stated that Mr. Williams was in a car accident in August, 2007 and his condition had worsened and he would be having surgery which is the reason why he stopped working on the roof. Mrs. Williams stated that family members she believed would be helping to complete the roof. Mrs. Williams said that the house had been moved and joined to another

house on the property approximately ten years ago but a lot of improvements had been made to it. Mrs. Williams continued to say that the house was now for sale in case family members were not able to help with the repairs. Mrs. Williams stated that she felt they would be able to either sale the property or get family members to complete the repairs. Chairman Rottinghaus asked if Mr. Williams was aware of what repairs needed to be done to be in compliance with City Ordinance. Mrs. Williams answered yes that the violation stated that the roof had to be completed and flashing installed which is what they were planning on doing. Chairman Rottinghaus asked how much additional time she was requesting. Mrs. Williams said if the weather would cooperate she felt six months would be long enough. Mr. Underwood noted that by the pictures it only looked like three or four squares of shingles left to put on. Chairman Rottinghaus closed the public hearing and the Board deliberated. Mrs. Williams asked if there would be any exceptions to the amount of time that the Board granted and could an appeal be made for more time. David Roberts stated that at the end of the additional time given by the Board that Fire Marshal Dickie Walls will re-inspect the property and if not in compliance at that time Mr. Walls would issue a citation with a time for completion and a fine and that citation could be appealed. **Sam Underwood made a motion giving the Respondent, Charles Williams sixty (60) days from the date of the Board's order to come into compliance with the violation noted on the citation issued on November 8, 2007 to Mr. Williams. Thomas Rottinghaus seconded the motion and it carried by a 4-0 roll call vote.**

Being no further business, Thomas Rottinghaus made a motion to adjourn.

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Chairman, Thomas Rottinghaus

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Recording Secretary, Dannetta Cossey